

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1. A retaining device for a drum stand, the retaining device comprising:  
2           a top clamping seat adapted to be securely mounted on a distal end of the drum  
3 stand and having arms divergently extending out of the top clamping seat and each arm  
4 provided with a claw adjustably connected to the arm;

5           a bottom seat adapted to be slidably mounted on the drum stand and having  
6 linkages pivotally extending upward to pivotally connect to mediate portions of the  
7 arms; and

8           an adjusting ring adapted to be threadingly connected to the drum stand to abut a  
9 side face of the bottom seat to cause the bottom seat to move,

10          whereby movement of the bottom seat is able to initiate movement of the top  
11 clamping seat and thus the claws are able to clamp a drum seated on the drum stand and  
12 the adjustability of the claws relative to the arms allows the retaining device to clamp  
13 drums of different sizes.

14          2. The retaining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each arm has cutouts  
15 defined in a side face of the arm and the each claw is hollow and has a pin extending  
16 through opposite sides of the claw such that the claw is able to encase therein a  
17 corresponding one of the arms and thus the pin is able to be received in a corresponding  
18 one of the cutouts.

19          3. The retaining device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a passage is defined  
20 between the claw and the arm after the arm is encased in the claw such that the pin is  
21 able to leave restriction of the corresponding cutout and be received in different cutout  
22 of the arm so as to accomplish size adjustment of the claws.

23          4. The retaining device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each arm has cutouts

1 defined in a side face and a mediate portion of the arm and each claw is hollow and has  
2 two pins extending through opposite sides of a top and a bottom of the claw such that the  
3 claw is able to encase therein a corresponding one of the arms and thus the pins are able  
4 to be received in cutouts in the top and bottom of the corresponding arm.

5 5. The retaining device as claimed in claim 4, wherein a passage is defined in  
6 the mediate portion of the arm to communicate with the cutouts in the mediate portion  
7 such that after the arm is encased in the claw, the pins are able to leave restriction of the  
8 corresponding cutouts and be received in different cutouts of the arm so as to  
9 accomplish size adjustment of the claws.